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TO: A. F. Stehney
FROM: R. A. Schlenker
SUBJECT: Exhumation of , 40-015

I spoke with two undertakers on my visit home: Mr. Ronald Arndt at the Arndt Funeral Home, 1118 Long Pond Road, Rochester, New York 14626, and Mr. Charles Davis at the Paul W. Harris Funeral Home Inc., 570 Kings Highway South, Rochester, New York 14617. In contrast to Mr. Rech of the Hedges Memorial Chapel, who finally refused to cooperate with the Center, neither expressed any hesitation to carry out the work. Both gave rough estimates of cost which differed principally in the fee for professional services. Mr. Arndt's fee is \$275, which I judge to be rather high. Mr. Davis estimates a total of \$350 to cover professional services, transportation to the airport on disinterment, transportation from the airport on reinterment and the reinterment vault. When this total is adjusted for the transportation charges of \$50 each way and the vault cost of \$150, \$100 is left for professional services. While Mr. Davis was less firm about the professional service charge than was Mr. Arndt he considers the undertaker's duties to minimal for a disinterment. I have the impression that a firm estimate from him would include professional charges which were much less than Mr. Arndt's charge. At the end of my conversation with Mr. Davis I told him that a letter formally requesting a cost estimate would be sent to him by Mary Margaret. I also left with him an edited copy of the letter sent by Mary Margaret to Hedges requesting a quotation.

The other charges mentioned in my discussion with Mr. Arndt and Mr. Davis were:

Cemetery charge for disinterment	\$300
Cemetery charge for reinterment	150
Transportation to airport	50
Transportation from airport	50
CMAS pouch	35
Reinterment vault	150
Ziegler case-or pine box	75
Airline transportation cost	no estimate

Both undertakers would agree to our supplying the Ziegler case as a cost saving measure.

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I called Mrs. Mary Syplan of the Monroe County Department of Health and learned that an undertaker from a county bordering Monroe County could operate in the county without special permission. Thus should Mr. Davis' fees be too high, or should he ultimately refuse the work, we could utilize the undertakers from Geneseo in Livingston County who exhumed (40-010) for us.

The two undertakers and Mrs. Syplan all spontaneously offered the opinion that the major obstacle to this exhumation would be Miss Dunke, who is in charge of the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. I learned that she runs the cemetery "with an iron hand", and her decisions are final; she can't be overruled, even by the bishop; she is blunt and cold; she doesn't like men. I learned also that the cemetery permits disinterments only at certain times of the year, apparently when there is little grounds maintenance work. They will permit no exhumation right now. Also they probably will want copies of the permission forms signed by the relatives.

The cemetery lies on both sides of Lake Avenue just north of Kodak Park. The grave is a short way from the cemetery office on the west side of Lake. (It is in , tier 8, and is grave number 6.) It is a double grave with an attractive ivy covered polished granite headstone bearing, in addition to the family name the following names and dates: 1885-1914, and 1881-1947.

According to Mr. Davis the north end of Holy Sepulchre is wet and the south end is dry. The plot lies midway between the north and south sections making difficult an educated guess as to the condition of the remains.

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